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MKs vote to curtail Kahane's movements

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset last night deprived Kach MK Meir Kahane of the freedom of movement granted by article 9(a) of the Knesset Members Immunity Law. The voting, in a secret ballot, was 58 to 36.

Twelve Likud members, including ministers Yitzhak Shamir, Ariel Sharon, David Levy, Yitzhak Mordechai and Avraham Shalom, were absent from the vote, as were the four National Religious Party members, including Minister Yosef Burg, and the four Shas MKs, including Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz.

The vote ballot was held in accordance with Knesset rule 60-C which provides that a vote to remove an MK's immunity shall be held by a secret written ballot.

Kahane himself left the chamber almost three hours earlier, after exercising his right to speak in his own defence. He said that he was leaving to take part in the afternoon prayer service.

He promised that he would get to the Arab village of Taiba at noon today, "regardless of what happens here."

Kahane charged that it was not his mouth that the Knesset sought to close, but that of Judaism. The "Hebrews" of the Labour Party had lived for years with Communist MK "haters of Israel" and is now able to live with the Arab-Jewish Progressive List for Peace (PLP).

Zionism had meant this country to be one with a Jewish majority, but the "terror of the left" is so strong that people are afraid to utter the word "Arab" lest they be called racists, Kahane asserted.

"If the Knesset votes against me today, I'll continue to do my job. But I'll be the victim," he said.

Article 9(a) states that no order prohibiting or restricting access to any place in the country that is not in the private domain shall apply to Knesset members unless the reason for the order is state security or military secrecy.

What the Knesset's action means, therefore, is that Kahane's right to visit Arab villages, or places of work where Arabs are employed, will now be no greater than that of an ordinary citizen.

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Police and Border Police struggle with demonstrators yesterday during protests in Tel Aviv's Kfar Shalem neighbourhood against the demolition of two illegally built homes. (Andre Brummann)

Violence in Kfar Shalem as houses are demolished MK allegedly roughed up by police

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Knesset House Committee is to hold a special meeting this morning to discuss yesterday's events in Tel Aviv's Kfar Shalem neighbourhood, when MK Michael Eitan was allegedly attacked by a policeman during the demolition of two illegally built houses. At Eitan's request, the committee will also discuss the Tel Aviv municipal-

ity's demolition policy.

Eitan (Likud) emphatically denied a police report that he had assaulted a policeman who was later hospitalized. The MK said that the report by Reuven Weinstein, commander of the Ayalon sub-district, was intended to cover up police shortcomings in the incident in which five persons were arrested.

The municipality said that the demolition orders had been issued only

after legal proceedings against the buildings' owners had failed to produce results. A spokesman said that the orders had been issued by the courts whose considerations were no less weighty than those of Eitan.

Temper rose to fever pitch in Kfar Shalem as a result of the demolitions, and angry youths set fire to a municipality truck. Other youths meanwhile raced their cars up and down the main Derech Lod road leading to the neighbourhood. They "captured" a second municipality truck laden with junked cars and spread them across the road to form a barrier blocking off the neighbourhood.

Quiet was restored only when police and Border Police dispersed the demonstrators and cleared the road of the barricades. But later, neighbourhood activists persisted in their protests and a truckload of demonstrators clashed with the police who arrested three of them. Two other men were arrested earlier while attempting to resist the demolitions.

Eitan told *The Jerusalem Post* that he had been awakened before dawn by Kfar Shalem residents whose house was about to be demolished. Eitan, who last week discussed the case with Mayor Shlomo Lahat and who was formerly Lahat's assistant for social welfare, telephoned the police and the city official in charge of the demolition, requesting a delay.

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Partial pullback in West if Nakoura talks fail

By DAVID LANDAU

Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Failing an agreement with Lebanon, Israel is likely to decide on a phased withdrawal of its troops. The ultimate goal will be a total pullout, but in the first phase the IDF will pull back only on the west, and only part of the way to the border.

Israeli policymakers would then pause to assess the impact of the partial withdrawal and its aftermath, and to try to evolve tacit understandings with Damascus regarding Syrian and PLO deployments.

Hitherto, under strict orders from Secretary of State George Shultz, U.S. Mideast envoy Richard Murphy has indeed carefully confined himself to conveying the parties' positions to each other. Israeli policymakers wonder whether Washington will want to plunge into substantive mediation, which might prove protracted and ultimately frustrating.

Similarly, the policymakers seem sceptical about diplomatic efforts by the undersecretary-general of the UN, Brian Urquhart, to salvage the Israel-Lebanon(-Syria) negotiations. Urquhart is due in the region in the second week of January, by which time the cabinet in Jerusalem will probably have enunciated its new "unilateral" policy in South Lebanon.

The policymakers indicate, though, that Israel is prepared to entertain compromise ideas on the deployment of Unifil north of the Litani. Hitherto, Israel has demanded that the force be deployed all the way up to the Awali. Lebanon, at the Nakoura talks, has opposed any deployment at all north of the Litani.

Policymakers here do not hide their disappointment over what they now say was the over-optimism of UN assessments. They say the UN strongly believed that Lebanon and Syria would agree to an extension of Unifil's deployment and to a significant reinforcement of the force. UN diplomats had solicited commitments from several countries to provide more troops for Unifil.

Now, in the face of the hardening deadlock at Nakoura, several contributing countries have given notice that they are considering withdrawing their contingents from the force.

From the talks in Nakoura, and Richard Murphy's shuttles, Israeli policymakers deduce that the Syrians would regard any extension of the Unifil zone as an Israeli achievement — which is why they object to it.

Israel has told all parties unequivocally that unless on January 7 there can be negotiation of Unifil's deployment north of the Litani, the talks will cease "because there is nothing to talk about."

Israel's first-phase withdrawal — assuming the cabinet approves it — would then be predicated on the assumption that Unifil would stay where it is now, south of the Litani, or else dissolve as contributing nations withdraw their contingents.

Israel for its part might publicly invite Unifil to patrol the refugee camps around Sidon to prevent bloodshed there after the IDF is gone. This role for Unifil was envisaged in the long-defunct May 17, 1983 accord. But in practice this would not happen unless Lebanon actively lobbied for it at the Security Council.

A phased withdrawal was not quite what Prime Minister Peres seemed to envisage in an interview last week with Yoel Marcus of *Ha'aretz*. There he advocated with-

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U.S. reported ready to boost military aid

According to a midnight report on Israel Radio last night, the U.S. administration will increase its military aid to Israel next year by several hundred million dollars. The decision will be conveyed to Defence Minister Rabin during his official visit to Washington slated for next month, the radio said.

Coalition at odds over options in Lebanon

By ASHER WALLFISH

Post Knesset Correspondent
A clear division along party lines seems to be emerging over a military pullback in Lebanon should the talks in Nakoura break down. Likud MKs object to any withdrawal from the Israel Defence Forces present lines, while Alignment MKs want a total pullback to the international border.

These attitudes emerged yesterday in a meeting of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee which was addressed by Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The defence minister said that if the Nakoura talks do not take a new direction when they resume on January 7, the government will have to convene and "think things out."

"The chances of an agreed

arrangement being reached are growing less and less all the time, it seems," Rabin said.

The minister said the government decided to enter the Nakoura talks, intended to reach a military-security arrangement with Lebanon and Syria, because it assumed that both Arab countries were ready and willing to reach that objective. Rabin said that he personally believes the readiness is still there in Lebanon and Syria, but the dispute is over the nature of the security arrangements.

Rabin said that an appraisal had reached the government from UN sources at the time, that whatever areas might be evacuated by the IDF could be taken over by Unifil.

The government also acted on the basis of an assumption that the

Lebanese government would agree to Unifil redeploying. Statements to this effect made by the Lebanese figures included the one by Premier Rashid Karamé at the UN General Assembly, where he said he would welcome Unifil "enlarging its role as well as its redeployment."

"Despite these assumptions," Rabin said, "we discovered that Syria was hardening its stand during the course of the Nakoura talks. That leaves us with three options, assuming the talks collapse. One is to stay put on the present lines; the second is to carry out a partial withdrawal to what could be called the Katyusha line, namely the line from which a terrorist rocket could fall

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Beekkeepers use helicopter to retrieve stolen hives

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Beehives stolen in the Sharon region have been retrieved and three suspected thieves have been arrested, all as a result of the beekeeper's detective work.

Yigael Galer, a beekeeper from Kfar Hess, told *The Jerusalem Post* that they got their first break in the case when the police found a number

of hives overturned on the road near the town of Taiba and asked the Beekeeper Association to remove them because they were blocking traffic.

"That gave us our first clue," Galer said. "We then knew we had to search eastward, in the direction of Taiba," he said. He and other keepers rented a helicopter for

several hours and spotted beehives from the air.

Back on the ground, the beekeeper informed the Border Police and asked for help retrieving their stolen property. "It's easy to get back stolen beehives, because they are all marked with the serial number of the keeper," Galer explained.

Each beehive is reportedly worth

the equivalent of \$120 and the suspected thieves, from villages in Samaria, sold them to beekeeper in their area for \$80, Galer said.

Galer said the thieves were apparently part of a gang that steals hives "on order." They do the job during the fall and winter when the bees are inactive and the hives weigh little, because they have no honey in them, he said.

Israel pays for industrialization with lung disease

NEWS BACKGROUND/Aaron Sittner

For officials at the Environmental Protection Service, the "problem of Haifa" is not new, and goes beyond the danger of a chemical leak that could occur in the bay area.

"Haifa has a serious atmospheric problem," says Dr. Michael Graber, director of the air pollution section at EPS. "Our monitoring stations show that Naveh Sha'an (a residential neighbourhood atop Mount Carmel, near the Technion) has the filthiest air in all of Haifa. And considering the atmospheric quality of the city as a whole, that's saying quite a bit."

The cause, according to EPS, is a

combination of prevailing wind patterns and a high sulphur content in the smoke spewed into the air by the Haifa Refineries' cracking plant in the bay area.

Haifa refineries and the Israel Electric Corporation power station in Haifa have been served with anti-pollution orders requiring them to use fuels with less sulphur.

"The IEC has cooperated," an EPS spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post*. "But the Haifa Refineries are not complying. We are so worried about their effluent that we have recently obtained a temporary injunction requiring them to show

cause why they should not comply with the original order. We are still waiting."

Ironically, it is none other than a Haifa resident — Energy Minister Moshe Shahal — who is backing the refineries in the stand-off with the Interior Ministry. Shahal, now committed to budget trimming, claims that the state would have to shell out an extra \$70m. a year to switch to low-sulphur crude. That is an ecological luxury Israel cannot seem to afford at present.

Sometimes it is politics rather than economics that can get in the way of technological adjustments aimed at improving air quality. Such is apparently the case — on a much smaller scale than the "Haifa prob-

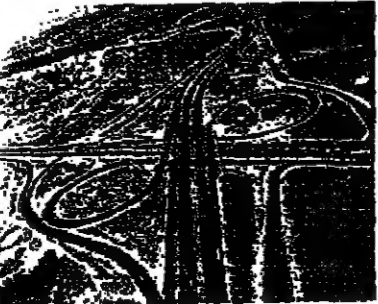
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The government just has to get out

Israeli banking at the crossroads

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By PINHAS LANDAU



tion for the better, through lack of any other path to take, or it will "make vertical direct contact with the ground," as the Pentagon euphemism goes.

In the words of one astute observer, "the history of the Israeli economy is one of market failure. The system that was established recog-

"there is no market, we allocate resources as we think best." Alternatively, it could have allowed the market to allocate resources according to supply and demand considerations. In practice, however, it chose to employ market mechanisms while ignoring market forces. The result is cumulative distortions, which are no longer supportable."

tive system will be chosen, given the socio-political climate that exists today, it hardly seems likely that genuine socialism would go down well. It is therefore inevitable, in the view of government, civil service and industry, as well as financial circles, that the system will have to let the market dictate to it to a much larger extent than hitherto. Many people will welcome this change; even those who do not accept that "if you can't beat it, join it."

Before examining the wider changes likely to come in the financial markets, it is necessary to look at the narrower field of the banks and their operations. How have these been influenced by the framework in which they exist?

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

MK Abba Eban formally took over the chairmanship of the Israel-Japan Friendship Society at a luncheon given in the Knesset attended by Ambassador Shozo Kadota, Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel and representatives of the Knesset and the Foreign Ministry. Eban succeeds Mordechai Ben-Porat.

One hundred and forty girls whose fathers fell in Israel's wars yesterday celebrated their bat mitzva in the Knesset.

The new executive of the World Jewish Congress, Israeli branch, yesterday unanimously elected Yitzhak Korn (Alignment) and S. Zalman Abramov (Likud) as chairmen.

Ignaz Bubis, who was recently elected president of Keren Hayesod in the Federal Republic of Germany, yesterday met with Avraham Avital, world chairman of the United Israel Appeal-Keren Hayesod in Jerusalem. Ya'acov Gileadi, the director-general, took part in the meeting, at which plans for campaign activities were discussed.

The Haifa Rotary Club is to hold its annual general meeting at the Nof Hotel, 1 p.m. today.

The lecture by Haim Shapiro of *The Jerusalem Post*, scheduled at today's weekly meeting of Jerusalem Rotary Club has been postponed.

Suspect remanded

HADERA (Itim). — A magistrate's court judge here yesterday ordered a murder suspect from the Triangle village of Anabta remanded for 15 days.

The man is suspected of stabbing to death a 25-year-old resident of Arara in a dispute over the affections of a young woman from another Triangle village.

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HOME NEWS

Aridor, Plessner firm in backing dollarization

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter
The economy must be stabilized by linkage to the dollar or to a basket of European currencies; the economic package deal has driven the government into a trap; and, finally, it is devaluation and not monetary injections by the government that is responsible for inflation, according to former Likud finance minister Yoram Aridor and his adviser Yakir Plessner.

Aridor and Plessner, meeting the press in Jerusalem yesterday, had harsh words for the package deal, which they said had put the government into a very difficult position. On the one hand, the government urgently needs to cut subsidies, but on the other, wages have been so eroded as to make it impossible to raise prices.

According to Plessner, a deputy governor of the Bank of Israel, "The government may think it can erode wages even further, but it is likely to discover that it cannot aspire to the technological level of an industrial-

ized country while offering only a Vietnamese standard of living."

Both speakers said that wages are 15 per cent below the average of 1983/4, and 11 per cent below the 1982 level.

Aridor and Plessner, who drafted the controversial 1983 plan to link the economy to the dollar, reiterated their belief that this, or linkage to a basket of European currencies, is essential for economic stability. Saying that their programme had mentioned several of the alternatives now under discussion, they hinted that experts who are now discussing semi-dollarization are merely using their earlier ideas.

The two presented figures which they said prove that inflation has not been caused by government money-printing, but rather by efforts to devalue the shekel. They said that the Bank of Israel agrees that government deficits are financed by selling foreign currency to the public. Thus monetary injections cause a rise in the balance of payments deficit, not a rise in inflation.

Histadrut says new tax a precondition for deal

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Histadrut officials are deeply dissatisfied with the government's failure to implement the economic package deal undertaken for a new tax on the self-employed. They intend insisting that a 4 per cent tax on the annual earnings of the self-employed be levied before any package deal follow-up.

In a memorandum to the finance minister yesterday, Histadrut central committee member Naftali Ben-Moshe urged that the government immediately implement its undertaking to tax the self-employed at a rate identical to the burden shouldered by the workers under the package deal.

Ben-Moshe, who is chairman of the Histadrut's tax committee, detailed the occupations on which he said the tax should be levied. They include those in the "free professions who do not receive salaries," merchants, shop-owners, manufacturers who do not employ workers and merchants such as grocers, whose merchandise is not controlled

by the price freeze. Ben-Moshe charged that the Treasury's stated intention to levy the tax only on merchants whose goods are not included in the freeze is "turning the matter into a caricature," and represents a "social perversion" that the Histadrut will not accept.

The Treasury and the Histadrut agreed, after lengthy negotiations, that the self-employed would be taxed at a rate of 4 per cent of their annual earnings. However, they left open the question of who specifically was subject to the tax.

The intention of the relevant clause in the package deal agreement — which referred to "salary earners who do not receive wages" — was clearly to ensure that all segments of the population contribute a part, Ben-Moshe said in his memorandum.

Histadrut sources said yesterday that the Labour federation is likely to insist that the tax on the self-employed be legislated by the Knesset and implemented before it agrees to participate in an extension of the package deal.

Wildcat strike disrupts bread delivery

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Bread was in short supply in the north and in the Beersheba area yesterday, the Ministry of Industry reported, as some bakers' organizations staged a one-day stoppage to press demands for higher government subsidies.

Gad Soen, director of the ministry's food division, told *The Jerusalem Post*: "The strike was called by a group of bakers who refused to display a bit of patience, as did most of the others."

Soen added that he had recommended granting the bakers a higher subsidy, and that the request is under consideration.

He characterized the strike as "just a one-day affair," and said

bread deliveries should be back to normal later today. Bread was available yesterday, but was mostly stale and expensive. There were plenty of *pitot*, however, as the unsubsidized *pitot* bakeries produced over three times their usual output.

Meanwhile, five bakeries have been sued by the ministry's anti-cartel division for allegedly violating the law by having raised *halla* prices without prior approval from the ministry.

They were charged by division director Ze'ev Galmor with "collusion in halting the baking and delivery of regular *halla* which is subject to a maximum resale price, and substituting so-called 'improved *halla* which they sold at a higher price."

Adiv takes parole issue to High Court

Security prisoner Udi Adiv applied to the High Court of Justice on Monday to require both the prisons commissioner and parole board member Dr. Zano Feldman to show cause why Feldman should not be dropped from the parole board de-

ciding whether to suspend a third of Adiv's sentence for good behaviour. Adiv's lawyer, David Liba'i, has contended that statements allegedly made by Feldman regarding Adiv have established his lack of any sympathy for Adiv's plight, and subsequently his lack of objectivity.

Liba'i quoted Adiv as stating he regrets the actions that led to his 1973 conviction and that, "from now on, the only way for me today is the democratic way."

In April, Adiv concluded the first two-thirds of his 17-year prison sentence. General Security Service contends that he still constitutes a security risk and other factors have prevented his parole. (Itim)

Epilepsy plea rejected in girl's killing

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A psychiatrist testifying yesterday at the trial of Yosef Harnoi, who is charged with murdering an 11-year-old girl in Nablus last December repudiated the defence argument that the accused suffers from psychomotoric epilepsy.

The psychiatrist, a witness for the prosecution, said that on the basis of tests he conducted on Harnoi in September and the medical records he received, he determined that the accused was not suffering from the form of epilepsy claimed by the defence. Medical experts had testified earlier that Harnoi suffers from psychomotoric epilepsy.

According to the charge-sheet, Harnoi, 34, of Eilon Moreh, chased some children in Nablus whom he suspected of stoning the car he was riding in. It says he entered a bakery and shot Aisha Bahsh. Harnoi claims that he had an epileptic fit and was not in control of his actions.

Under cross-examination, the psychiatrist said that if Harnoi did suffer from psychomotoric epilepsy, it was highly unlikely that he could run, squeeze a trigger, enter a bakery and dash back to his car in the midst of a seizure.



A slain gazelle, a porcupine, a partridge and several hares were among protected species found by Border Police in this van recently near Tubas in Samaria. The van was driven by two men from Umm el-Fahm. The Nature Protection Society has opened an inquiry. Breaking the hunting laws can bring a \$500,000 fine, confiscation of weapons and lifetime loss of the offender's hunting licence.

'Time' asks court to act in Sharon suit

Time magazine yesterday asked the High Court of Justice to order Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir to show cause why Tat-Aluf (res.) Dov Tamari should not be allowed to testify on the reputation of Industry Minister Ariel Sharon.

Sharon is suing the American publication for libel for what it said about his role in the Sabra and Shatila massacres in September 1982.

Time contends in its application that it asked Tamari to testify on Sharon's reputation, but that the attorney-general forbade him from appearing in the New York court where the libel suit being heard.

The magazine says that Zamir's decision is unreasonable. Testimony on Sharon's reputation is not likely to damage national security as Zamir contends, particularly since Tamari was not asked to testify on military or other events, Time said.

Time also contends that the attorney-general's decision is arbitrary because when he refused to allow Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev to testify in the Sharon suit, the reason given was that the public welfare would be affected. (Itim)

Water price may soon go up by 42%

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter
Water will be 42 per cent dearer, if the Package Deal Monitoring Committee approves the increase. The joint Knesset committee composed of members of the Economics and Finance Committees yesterday gave its assent to the price hike.

The panel based its decision on the need to adjust water prices to three increases in electricity prices during September, before the price freeze. Agriculture Minister Arye Nehamim yesterday told the Economics Committee that the water subsidy has reached absurd proportions. It is now some 300 per cent.

The minister also said that the Treasury has failed to transfer \$30 million to Mekorot.

Kfar Shalem

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until he had spoken to Lahat. Both the official and the police agreed, Eitan said.

"But when I arrived at Kfar Shalem at about 5 a.m., one house had already been demolished and the bulldozers were being readied to tear down the second," he said.

Eitan approached to talk to the families, but a line of policemen stopped him and would not let him pass.

"I said, 'I'm a Knesset member, you have no right to stop me.' But the police commander answered arrogantly that until the demolition was over, I would not be allowed through."

Eitan said that when he tried to push through the police cordon an officer butted him with his head, and Eitan's lip was cut.

Eitan said that all the structures in Kfar Shalem, a neighbourhood marked for slum clearance, are illegal, yet the city had strange ways of deciding which house to demolish and which to leave intact.

"The city exercises no judgment," Eitan charged. "They demolished the home of a poor young couple, while right next to it stand huge homes, illegally built by squatters. But these are not touched," he said.

Two years ago, the city demolished an illegal structure added to a small house, despite a court order to delay the demolition. During the ensuing fracas, police shot and killed 26-year-old Shimon Yehoshua, who had tried to protect his parents' home.

Tehiya MKs ignore Rabin, light candles in Nablus

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The refusal of five Tehiya MKs — one of them a former cabinet minister and another a former chief of general staff — to accede to a request from Defence Minister Rabin to refrain from lighting Hanukka candles in the centre of Nablus late yesterday led to a violent scuffle between soldiers and the MKs' supporters.

Rabin had urged the five Knesset members to refrain from what he and local military commanders regarded as a provocative act in the heart of the largest Arab city in the West Bank. The defence minister added, however, that he would not infringe the parliamentarians' right to freedom of movement.

When the Tehiya MKs, including former science and development minister Yuval Ne'eman and former chief of general staff Rafael Eitan arrived in Nablus, they were joined by scores of supporters and local

settlers.

The crowd tried to break through the army cordon surrounding Tel Shechem — the site of the biblical city — which had been declared a closed military area. The settlers, and the journalists sent to cover the event, were forced to leave the area, and in the melee that ensued, some violence was reported.

The five MKs were allowed to proceed with the ceremony with only soldiers present. Earlier in the day settlers had tried to hold a candle-lighting ceremony at nearby Joseph's Tomb but were prevented by the army from doing so.

Opposite the Dehaishe refugee camp near Bethlehem, cabinet minister Yossef Shapira of Morasha joined several local settlers in a candle-lighting ceremony to support Hebron Rabbi Moshe Levinger who is maintaining a vigil there.

El Al stops Bucharest flights

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — El Al has suspended its flights to Rumania because the authorities there are preventing certain aerial arrangements.

The national carrier's spokesman said yesterday that boarding procedures must return to their earlier form before El Al resumes its flights to Rumania.

The Transport Ministry said flights could not be resumed until El Al can get the "technical arrangements which have existed all along reinstated."

These regulations were first

changed last month and El Al immediately cancelled one flight to Bucharest, reportedly sending its passengers on the Rumanian carrier Tarom.

Later, the old arrangements were reinstated. But when the Rumanians altered them once again El Al cancelled last Monday's flight, and its passengers flew on a foreign airline.

El Al's schedule calls for one weekly flight to Bucharest. Tarom flies here twice a week. There has so far been no Rumanian decision to retaliate by suspending Tarom flights here. Indeed, Tarom reportedly operated several additional Christmas flights.

KAHANE VOTE

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any citizen. The police will be able to treat him in this respect as they treat any citizen, without having to worry about violating his parliamentary immunity.

House Committee chairman Micha Reiser (Likud-Herut), in presenting to the Knesset his committee's resolution to remove Kahane's freedom of movement, said that the committee plans to devote an additional meeting to consider other recommendations on Kahane.

Reiser said that he knew of no other issue that had united the House as had this one. "No political body, from Tehiya to the Communists, has concealed its dissociation from and even disgust" for Kahane's actions and "pronouncements," he said.

But the large number of Likud absentees, including the party's three leading ministers, the absence of two religious parties, and the 36 opposing votes, showed that the House is certainly not of one mind about the type of action called for.

The Alignment had previously decided to require all its members to vote for the committee's recommendations, and the speeches on the dangers of Kahane's anti-Arab incitement by its members (and those of Mapam, the Communists, the Citizens' Rights Movement, and the PLP) were an anti-climax.

It had all been said in the eight sessions of the House Committee, which had opened its meetings on the issue to the media.

More interest was attached to the speeches of Likud speakers, whose stand was less clear.

Meir Cohen-Avidov (Likud-Herut) said that while he distanced himself from Kahane's deeds, pronouncements, and methods, he would not vote for the resolution. It was a racist resolution, aimed at Jews, he said. It was in sharp contrast to what happened on the first

Land Day, in March 1976, when MK sympathizers were permitted to join the demonstrators without hindrance.

"Kahane is still a Jew, and in a state of Jews a Jew has the right to go to any place or to any village he likes. Why was Kahane prevented from entering the Shfarim cemetery? If I want to visit that cemetery, will they stop me? And if I take him with me to help me clean up the cemetery, will they stop us?" Cohen-Avidov asked.

Uri Landau (Likud-Herut) said that the nationalistic songs sung at Arab weddings, and all sorts of expressions of solidarity with the PLO, go unpunished in the name of free speech. Those who voted for Kahane were voting against the helplessness of the police, Landau claimed.

Kahane as such is not a danger to democracy, Landau said. He is dangerous because he is triggering the consolidation of the Arabs around an extremist position. "But [PLP leader Mohammed] Miari is a greater danger than Kahane."

Gideon Gadot (Likud-Herut) charged Yossi Sarid with being "the crime" and Kahane "the punishment." Sarid had broken the national consensus, and that had given rise to the parties of both Kahane and Miari.

Expelling inciters and stone-throwers from Eretz Yisrael is a way of fighting crime. But expelling Arabs as Arabs is a crime, Gadot said. We must distinguish between the two.

ONE WAY. — From today, Rehov Khayat in downtown Haifa becomes one-way for traffic going downtown, and Rehov HaBankim one way for traffic going up to Hadar HaCarmel. The changes are aimed at easing downtown congestion.

COALITION

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just short of our border; the third is a total withdrawal."

Rabin said: "Each of these options could entail a different level of security for the residents of Galilee. Perhaps we are in a situation where we have to take risks."

The Citizens' Rights Movement's Yossi Sarid aroused the ire of Rabin when he said that a government decision on a partial withdrawal would be motivated not by the national interest, but by the interest in keeping afloat the national unit government.

Likud MK David Magen accused the government of exerting political influence to sway the IDF general staff to alter its professional recommendations.

This was taken as a preview of the line of argument which Magen's patron, Industry and Commerce Minister Ariel Sharon, will advocate when the cabinet eventually discusses its policy for Lebanon.

Rafael Eitan (Tehiya) said the IDF sustained heavy casualties in the capture of the Golan Heights in 1967, a move which did not reflect the government's political planning before the Six Day War. Yet nobody spoke of the casualties caused by the occupation of the Golan as they do about the occupation of Southern Lebanon, he complained.

Binyamin Ben-Eliezer (Alignment-Yahad) warned that the danger to Israel which the Shi'ites of Southern Lebanon would pose in the future would be worse than the danger posed by the PLO in the past.

Pinhas Goldstein (Likud-Liberal) said that America's excessive involvement in the negotiations at Nakoura might lead to the government accepting an enforced solution which would be calamitous.

Amnon Linn (Alignment) said that Syria would never accept any arrangement which could be regarded as an achievement for Israel.

Dan Meridor (Likud-Herut) said that the human cost of staying put on the present lines must be measured against the anticipated greater cost in casualties if the IDF pulls back to the international borders.

Shevah Weiss (Alignment) said that in the event of the Nakoura talks collapsing, he would advocate a total withdrawal.

Simcha Diniz (Alignment) said that Syria's aim is not to get aid from the U.S. but rather to embarrass that country and cause it to lose some of its positions in the Middle East.

Abba Eban (Alignment) said that the Shi'ite community is a "crazed community capable of destroying and burning and devastating." Eban warned that half a million Shi'ites could neither be controlled nor deterred.

PULLBACK

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drawal "right up to the international border... we must take the risk." And he opposed "partial" pullbacks.

His aides note, however, that he has always said the withdrawal would take six to nine months from the time of the cabinet decision until its final implementation — meaning a phased pullback.

The premier's aides said he is closely in coordination with Defence Minister Rabin — more closely than sometimes seemed the case from their public pronouncements. Sources close to Rabin made similar comments.

Both the aides and the sources agreed that Peres and Rabin would present a unified position to the inner cabinet and then to the full cabinet in the debates in the weeks ahead on Israel's unilateral move in Lebanon.

Police detectives fined for violent action

PETAH TIKVA (Itim). — Two police detectives were fined here yesterday for using violence in the interrogation of suspects.

The two were Sub-inspector Zvi Gurewitz, fined \$520,000, and Corporal Atzmon Yazumbeik, fined \$515,000.

The court said that it was refraining from imposing heavier penalties because the men are responsible for investigating serious crimes, and because they acted in the heat of carrying out their duties and not with malice aforethought.

The violations occurred during the interrogation of two suspects in a car-bombing in August, 1981. Both suspects were struck and threatened by Gurewitz, and one suspect was sprayed with gas by Yazumbeik.

IDF holds 12 refugees after Sidon bomb blast

SIDON (Reuters). — Israeli troops entered a Palestinian refugee camp at dawn yesterday and arrested 12 people after a bomb exploded near the office of a pro-Israeli militia, security sources said.

The bomb went off near a building at the entrance to the Ein Hilwe camp on the outskirts of Sidon, they said. The building is used by the National Guards militia.

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Kassar tells turkey-growers:

Histadrut prepared to block beef imports

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut is ready to join forces with turkey-growers and slaughterhouse workers to prevent frozen beef from entering the country, the labour federation's secretary-general Yisrael Kassar said yesterday.

Kassar also told a delegation representing over 1,000 demonstrators at the Histadrut headquarters that he has already urged the ministers of finance and agriculture to stop all imports of frozen beef and to find ways of compensating growers for their losses. He also told the delegation that the Histadrut would join a protest outside the Finance Ministry if the turkey-growers decide such a move is useful.

The demonstrators blocked the entrance into the Histadrut building for two hours until Kassar came down to speak to them and receive a delegation in his office.

The turkey-growers also claim they cannot compete in price with frozen chicken because it is heavily subsidized. One grower said he loses 80 cents on every bird he sells. As a result, fewer turkeys are being delivered to slaughterhouses. Slaughterhouse workers say that they are now down to working five days a week, and believe that soon it will be three days a week. One demonstrator said the slaughterhouse where he is employed has already dismissed 100 workers and that another 50 will get dismissal notices soon.

At the meeting with Kassar, a farmer of Kfar Vitkin, Naphtali Ben-Sira, called the way the Ministry of Finance has been handling the matter "mean and cruel." It neither gives growers financial assistance nor tries stopping the import of beef, he said.

Kassar said he is ready to accept any solution short of raising the price of other meats.

Final Ata decision to await government cost review

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The conclusive meeting between the government and the Ata works committee for a decision on the plant's future was postponed yesterday, and is slated to take place in Jerusalem today.

The postponement was initiated by the Haifa Labour council and the committee because the finance minister and the acting industry and trade minister had not yet worked out the details of the Ata revival plan pending an additional review of the money the government will have to provide to fund it.

The proposed new manager for Ata, Eliezer Peleg, has said he would need two months to determine the amount of government aid he will need to carry through his plans.

Yesterday, Histadrut secretary-general Yisrael Kassar stepped into the breach with an undertaking for big Histadrut orders from Ata to help keep the plant going.

Concurrently the works committee announced its readiness to immediately sign the recovery plan proposed by the government. The plan calls for splitting Ata into autonomous units, each to be economically self-sufficient, as well as further manpower dismissals. Committee chairman Pinhas Groob said the committee had decided to accept the plan reluctantly because it saw no other choice.

Meanwhile, former Knesset member Samuel Flatto-Sharon relayed an offer on behalf of himself and a Franco-Italian investment group apparently willing to take over the ailing textile factory.

Jewish terror accused tell of 'pressure'

Ben Zion Heineman, charged with attempted murder in the 1980 attack on the West Bank mayors, the attempt to sabotage Arab buses earlier this year, and with membership in the Jewish terrorist underground, yesterday told the Jerusalem District Court that a General Security Service officer known as Abu Sharif had threatened him that if he did not talk the GSS would round up all the leaders of Gush Emunim.

Heineman, 48, of the South Hebron hills settlement of Susiya, told the court that he had feared a pre-emption attempt by the GSS to blackmail the entire Gush Emunim movement. He said he had felt the GSS were pressuring him by arresting members of his family. When he learned that his son Boaz had been taken into custody he burst into tears. Boaz Heineman is among the accused in the trial, as is Heineman's brother Ya'acov.

Other accused who took the stand yesterday were Yossi Edri, 23, of

Kiryat Arba, and Menahem Neuberger, 28, also of Susiya.

Edri is accused of having bought the clocks used as the timing devices in the aborted attack on the Arab buses. Neuberger is accused of gathering intelligence for an attack in Bethlehem and of having been part of the plot to attack Temple Mount.

Edri said that his interrogators had asked whether he wanted his wife brought in for questioning. "My wife was then in her ninth month of pregnancy and I feared a disaster if she was brought in," he said.

Earlier, the court said it had decided not to grant the defendants' request for 24 hours freedom to celebrate Hanukka with their families.

The court ruled that the accused's circumstances were not so unusual as to warrant granting their request and thus discriminating between them and others in detention awaiting trial.

Army industries turn down orders

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Ta'as, the Military Industries, has been dismissing staff lately because a shortage of working capital has compelled it to turn down orders.

The shortage stems from the fact that foreign currency earned by Ta'as abroad and remitted to Israel, is being held up by the Treasury.

This emerged at yesterday's meeting of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

When David Magen (Likud) com-

plained of this, Defence Minister Rabin did not deny the charge but merely said he would take the matter up in the cabinet.

A cabinet minister told *The Jerusalem Post* that the Treasury is not permitting state corporations to change foreign currency into shekels, in order to cut down the inflationary effect of such exchange.

"But if that means having to fire staff at Ta'as," the minister said, "then the man responsible must be

get it."

Suit over bursting bottle gets waiter IS3.2m.

HAIFA (Itim). — A hotel waiter who claimed that his hand was permanently damaged when a bottle of wine he was serving exploded is to receive IS3,240,000 in compensation from his employer. This is according to a settlement made binding by the district court here yesterday.

Bishara Bashat, 37, of Haifa, sued the Ganei Shulamis Hotel in Ein

Bokek following the alleged accident in January 1978.

He claimed that he underwent a series of operations to repair a damaged nerve, and that because of the accident he can no longer work as a waiter. He estimated his physical handicap at 20 per cent.

The hotel settled without admitting the waiter's claims.



Copts pray in the manger grotto at the St. Catherine Church in Bethlehem during Christmas yesterday. (Andre Brummann)

Quiet Christmas Day

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Christmas passed quietly yesterday with church services and family gatherings among local Christians throughout the country.

In the Grotto of the Nativity, Roman Catholic masses were held continuously from early yesterday morning until the evening. Throughout the day, groups and individual pilgrims visited Bethlehem where the atmosphere was far more restrained and solemn than Monday night's festivities.

Now the town is readying itself for the two remaining Christmas celebrations, that of the Orthodox on January 6 and 7 and the Armenian festivities on January 18 and 19. Each will be marked by a procession of their respective patriarchs into Bethlehem and by midnight services in the Basilica of the Nativity.



His father smiles at baby Yisrael after the brit mila yesterday of the country's youngest heart patient. (Israel Sun)

Brit mila for pacemaker baby

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The family of the country's youngest heart patient, Yisrael Malul, celebrated his brit mila at the Rothschild Hospital here yesterday. Yisrael was delivered prematurely by Caesarean section nearly two months ago after his extremely rare congenital heart defect had been diagnosed in the womb by staff of the hospital's gynecology department.

Immediately after his birth he underwent an operation to install a temporary externally powered pacemaker.

Yisrael's heart defect, known as a complete atrio-ventricular block, is a disturbance in the electrical impulses between the chambers of the heart. Occurring in one in 27,000 live births, it is often associated with cardiac insufficiency and is usually fatal before birth.

Navon: Don't change the curriculum law

Education Minister Yitzhak Navon said yesterday he will strongly oppose any amendment to the State Education Law which would abolish the right of parents to decide on one-fourth of the curriculum in the school where their children study.

Navon's statement came in answer to a statement published by MK Micha Reiser (Likud) which Navon felt gave the impression that the education minister supports Reiser's suggested amendment. According to Reiser's amendment, parents would no longer have the right to decide on part of the curriculum.

Bail set for husband accused of murder plot

KIRYAT MALACHI (Itim). — The Ashkelon Magistrate Court ordered bail set at IS300,000 yesterday for a Kiryat Malachi man accused of trying to end his three-month-old marriage by electrocuting his wife.

Yigael Guata, 26, allegedly wired the front door of his apartment to the main electricity supply, in anticipation of his wife's arrival from work. But Mrs. Guata, sensing something amiss, called an electrician to disconnect the current running through her door.

Her husband, who is alleged to be mentally ill, subsequently accused the electrician of being her lover. Should Guata pay the bail, he will face a court order forbidding him to return to Kiryat Malachi for two weeks.

Tel Aviv university has 19,000 students

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Tel Aviv University is the country's largest, with some 19,000 students, the institution's deputy rector, Prof. Yehuda Ben-Meir, told a press conference yesterday.

He said 4,600 students began studying for a first degree this year. There are 1,000 candidates each for master's and doctor's degrees, he added.

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Greens delegation member stopped at Allenby Bridge

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies

Border guards at the Allenby Bridge yesterday turned back to Jordan a Bundstag Representative for West Germany's Greens Party, but allowed six of her colleagues to enter the country.

Brigitte Heinrich was refused entry on the grounds of her convictions in Germany for aiding Arab and German terrorists. She returned to her bus on the Jordanian side of the border "without creating a fuss" according to a spokesman for the Judea and Samaria civil administration.

The delegation is in Israel at the end of a four-nation fact-finding tour of the Middle East. They visited Syria and Lebanon, and before leav-

ing Jordan they met with the Foreign Minister Taher al-Masri and PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

Albrecht Schmeisser, one of the delegation, told a press conference in Amman that the talks with al-Masri and Arafat had reinforced the party's opinion that Israel should withdraw from all occupied Arab territory. Reuters reported.

He also called on the West German government to recognize the PLO and to give more aid to Palestinian refugees.

The delegation, which is to leave Israel on Saturday, plans to meet West Bank leaders. Their request to meet Foreign Minister Shamir was turned down. Instead, they have been offered a meeting with an official on the European Desk at the Foreign Ministry.

Ruzhin hassidim's new rebbe brings air of secular world

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A man whose family includes a professor, a space engineer and a clinical psychologist yesterday became the head of the hassidic court of Ruzhin in Jerusalem.

Nahum Dov Brayer, 25, a scion of the dynasty which traces its descent back to Dov Baer, the *maggid* of Mezheer and which also claims to belong to the house of David, last night held his first *ris*, or hassidic gathering, at Beit Tiferet Yisrael in the capital's Geula neighbourhood.

A spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* that the rebbe hopes to rebuild the Nissim Bek synagogue, once one of the largest in the Old City, which was destroyed by the Jordanians following the War of Independence.

The spokesman said that the previous rebbe, Mordechai Shlomo Friedman, had died 14 years ago and that Brayer had until now withstood the pressure from his several thousand followers to assume the position.

Brayer, born in the U.S., came here seven years ago with his wife. After graduating from high school, he has devoted himself solely to religious studies.



Rabbi Eryer

His elder brother, Yigal Brayer, a space engineer with the U.S. space programme, reportedly considered himself "unworthy" to assume the mantle of rebbe. Nahum Dov's father, Menachem Brayer, is professor of biblical literature and education at Yeshiva University and the institution's clinical psychologist. The new rebbe's sister is a pediatric clinical psychologist.

Another suspect held in embassy plot

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Another suspect in the alleged plot to attack the U.S. embassy here was remanded by a magistrate court judge yesterday.

The suspect, a resident of Rafiah, was arrested two days after the announcement that six Arabs from Gaza were being held in the alleged conspiracy.

The magistrate's court judge told

police that the evidence against the suspect seemed skimpy but that he was ordering his remand for three days anyway since this was a state security case.

Police said they need more time to complete their investigation. The suspect told the court he was not guilty. He said he knew the other suspects, but was ignorant of their plans.

Kupat Holim approves expansion plans

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Histadrut's Kupat Holim Clalit hopes to add 1,000 beds for long-term hospitalization, principally for the aged, within the next five years.

It plans to double its units providing home nursing care to the aged and its dental units, and plans to set up a voluntary community service to work with local clinics in preventative medicine and care of the aged.

The 11th Convention of Kupat Holim Clalit approved these items on a health plan presented by the fund's head, Prof. Haim Doron, in the name of the fund's managing committee.

The only item not yet approved, and sent for further study by a sub-committee, was the building of a health centre in Ashkelon.

The congress, attended by more than 500 delegates and their deputies, opened on Monday in Jerusalem and ended last night in Kibbutz Shefayim.

U.S. FLAG. — An American flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol in Washington in the 1950s will be presented to the U.S. Embassy by Democrats Abroad (Israel) at a ceremony at the Conservative synagogue, 2 Agon St., Jerusalem, on January 9 at 8 p.m.

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Agencies offer cheap flights to Maof subscription holders

Post Aviation Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Two travel agencies yesterday introduced special deals for the estimated 8,000 people holding subscription tickets issued by Maof before it declared bankruptcy.

Shomron Tours, a wholesale agency, is offering subscription ticket holders round-trip flights to London on Air Europe for \$150. For \$205, one can go to two destinations in Europe, Israel Ginsburg of Shomron told *The Jerusalem Post*. The lowest advertised fare at present is \$279, he noted.

Ginsburg said that Transport Minister Haim Corfu's agreement to relax some of the charter regulations with regard to the holders of Maof subscriptions had made the deal possible. Under the terms of Corfu's agreement, charter carriers may not have to take 20 per cent of their passengers from Jerusalem, as at present.

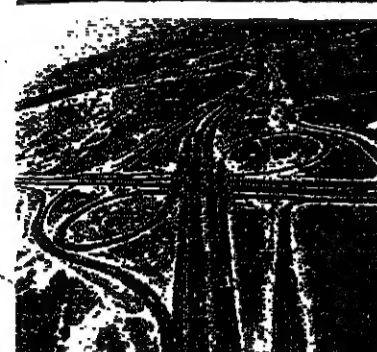
Shomron will sell the tickets through travel agents, and not directly to clients.

Meanwhile, Kopel Tours is offering an 18 per cent reduction to holders of Maof subscriptions who transfer their Maof tickets to the agency.

Kopel promised to reimburse the passengers if Maof creditors ever get some of their money back. The amount reimbursed will depend on the size of the reduction given now and the costs of obtaining the compensation, Kopel said.

Foreign currency credit ceiling reduced

Post Finance Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The advisory committee of the Bank of Israel, chaired by MK Avraham Shapira, yesterday authorized a 6 per cent reduction in the ceiling on foreign currency loans granted by the banks. This move was made at the recommendation of the governor of the Bank of Israel, and is to come into effect tomorrow.



Israeli banking at the crossroads (V)

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with it). The Israeli experience was always that the demand for money was great, for one reason or another (development, investments, budget deficits etc.). The main emphasis of the banks was thus directed not at lending but at obtaining funds, whether from depositors, or through increases in their own equity, such as floating new shares. This was particularly apparent at the branch level, where involvement in lending was mostly limited to administrative and technical roles, with decisions taken at head office.

This produced a severe distortion in the orientation of most branch personnel, including managers. Their expertise was almost exclusively on what banks call the "passive" — the liabilities-side of the banks' balance sheet, which is primarily customer deposits. Thus their knowledge of, and marketing acumen in, everything concerning local and foreign currency deposits, sav-

ing schemes, and — later — provident funds and mutual fund and securities investments (which are not even on the balance sheet) — came to far outweigh what they knew about the "active" side-loans made by the bank.

As a result of this situation, the concept so common abroad, of bank managers really "knowing" their customers — achieved by leaving their offices and visiting clients in their plants or shops or whatever, and coming to feel their needs and problems first-hand — became a rarity in Israeli branch banking. Similarly, "lending officers" capable of assessing a customer's quality and the risks involved in a given loan, were not to be found at the branch level. Instead they operated out of the head offices and were thus remote from and, to a large extent, lacking in first-hand information. Even the area managements failed to fill the gap.

That other foreign idea, that the branch represented the customer to head office, was also turned on its head. The local branch manager and his credit department simply served as clerks who represented head office toward the client, and executed policy along mechanical lines of "right now there is not a credit freeze and therefore you can/cannot have more credit".

One of the main reasons for this imbalance between sources of funds and their uses was that the bank's sources — customer deposits — benefited from linkage to the index or the dollar and were therefore in plentiful supply, while uses — (loans) — were cheap because overdrafts were not properly priced (i.e. cost less than inflation rates) and government loans were either totally or — later,

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lens — in the capital.

Having been given the spanking new highway connecting French Hill with the Jericho Road (and Ma'aleh Adumim), Jerusalem motorists cannot help but be appalled at the thick, offensive fumes rising from the eight smokestacks of the Arab East Jerusalem Electric Corporation power plant adjoining the new highway.

Depending on the wind direction and intensity, the black smoke seeps into the Arab suburbs of Shuafat and Beit Hanina as well as the Jewish suburbs of Neveh Ya'acov, Pisgat Ze'ev, French Hill and Givat Hamivtar.

Lacking full legal authority, the EPS cannot close the plant. It can only ask the local authority — in this case, the Jerusalem municipality — to act. The municipality, aware of the political ramifications, continues to "look into the matter."

Jerusalem also is prone to another air pollution danger, according to Graber. This is one caused as much by nature as by man — too much ozone in the air.

Ozone is a form of oxygen pro-

duced by the slow oxidation of matter in the air. When ozone strikes hydrocarbons in a sunny atmosphere, the result is smog.

"In Jerusalem, the danger of an overabundance of ozone exists mainly in spring," Graber explained. "The hydrocarbons reacting with ozone come from auto exhaust emissions and from certain industrial fumes, such as those from degreasing materials. Even without smog, high ozone levels in the air can affect your lungs and generally slow you down."

Though they spend most of their efforts hunting down environmental quality violations, EPS officials readily acknowledge the cooperation they receive.

"We are satisfied with things at the new Hadera power station," says EPS chief Dr. Uri Marinov. "The smokestacks there are 250 metres high, which affords a satisfactory distribution of fumes. More important perhaps, every iota of coal used at Hadera is of the low-sulphur variety."

Second of two articles on air pollution.

Profit-taking depresses prices

Profit-taking dominated the share market yesterday and, unlike Monday's session, buying support failed to appear.

Increasing uncertainty as to the nature of the price freeze renewal, along with the *New York Times* editorial while lambasted the government for failing to apply drastic measures which continuing to ask for extra aid, probably had something to do with the apparent change of the relatively positive investment sentiment experienced over the past few sessions.

However, as prices generally retreated, there were no exaggerated selling pressures and trading turnover was considerably curtailed.

There were far more downward moving shares than rising issues, with 35 "sellers only" situations, and nine "buyers only."

The management of the exchange stepped in yesterday to stop trading in the Danot shares. This move could prove to be particularly costly to holders of Danot 155.0 shares. On Monday, these shares traded as "buyers only" for the second consecutive session and, had they been traded yesterday, they would have been turned loose to move in either direction without any price restrictions.

In the case of the Danot 155.0 shares, they would have probably moved up yesterday by a substantial amount. This was the expectation as the Danot 151.0 shares soared by no less than 50 per cent at the start of the week.

MARKET COMMENT

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU

The exchange management pointed out that in its opinion there had been no sufficiently meaningful change in the business activities of Danot to justify the recent sharp price gains. It was further pointed out that Danot's management, along with the company's founders, were negotiating with Bank Leumi, but that nothing of substance had yet materialized.

However, speculators are betting on a bailout of Danot by either Bank Leumi or some other investor.

Ozkar Hashilton Hamekomi, a specialized financial institution providing financial services to municipalities, saw its shares continue to advance in spite of the relatively soft market conditions.

The Shilton shares were 5.7 per cent higher. The bank's shares are generally considered as being undervalued. While not suggesting that either foreign or local large investors are taking a major position in Shilton, it should be noted that such groups are hunting around for special situations, primarily undervalued issues with good earning potential.

Among the sharply moving share issues, Sahar Insurance was down by 15.6 per cent. Lighterage 0.1, however, came through with a 15 per

cent advance. Ten per cent losers included: Hapolim pref., Clal Leasing 0.5, Amnionim, and Elco.

The oil sector was among the few groups to end the session on the plus side. Seismics was up by a full 10 per cent.

The index-linked bond market appeared to be moving in tandem with the share market as prices eased and volumes retreated.

Announcements
Teva Pharmaceutical Industries announced its semi-annual results for the six-month period ending September 30, 1984. The country's largest pharmaceutical concern proved that one can improve business results in spite of living economic conditions. Management reported that sales had advanced by some 23 per cent in dollar terms and stood at \$48.3 million. The inflation adjusted profit for the period came to a satisfactory \$2.6m. figure.

MARKET STATISTICS

Indices

General Share Index 658.77 -0.47%
Non-Bank Index 216.95 -1.53%
Average 216.95 -1.53%
Industrial 216.95 -1.53%
Bond Index 216.95 -1.53%

Turnovers

Shares 151,798.7m.
Bonds 151,798.7m.
Total 151,798.7m.
Advances 147
Declines 231
of which 231
of which 231
"Buyers only" 35
"Sellers only" 35

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange daily price quotations

Company	Price	Change	Company	Price	Change	Company	Price	Change	Company	Price	Change
Commercial Banks			Hotels, Tourism			Assa	6120	10 -5.1	Gal Ind 1	1970	75 +3.7
Hapolim pref.	3010	3 -10.0	Gal Zohar 1	3014	- +10.0	Angel	602	93 -0.6	Gal Ind 5	625	251 +2.3
Hapolim B	14000	84 n.c.	Gal Zohar 5	757	13 +8.8	Shemen p	2072	13 -10.0	Delek 1	750	58 +0.5
Hap. C.A.	no trading		Delek 1	880	204 -2.1	Textiles and Clothing			Fertal 0.1	5480	5 +4.6
Gen 100	10170	10 n.c.	Delek 5	400	334 -4.4	Adar	1175	121 n.c.	Fertal 0.5	1670	196 +2.3
Gen 100 B	41100	n.c.	Delek 10	340	8 +1.1	Agropar	343	31 -10.0	Haifa Chem	1530	946 -6.5
Gen 100 C	31710	6 n.c.	Delek 15	200	20 -5.7	Otis	270	-	Teva 1	no trading	
Gen 100 D	2005	20 n.c.	Delek 20	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 1	1120	5 +1.8	Lapky	515	64 +3.6
Gen 100 E	14000	1 n.c.	Delek 25	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 5	154	-4.5	Lapky B	620	46 -1.2
Gen 100 F	4040	93 n.c.	Delek 30	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 10	95	-47.22.5	Dead Sea	670	170 -5.2
Gen 100 G	14800	1 n.c.	Delek 35	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 15	no trading		Peacock	677	504 +5.6
Gen 100 H	7000	46 n.c.	Delek 40	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 20	no trading		Peacock B	657	154 -10.0
Mortgage Banks			Delek 45	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 25	no trading		Maxima	340	171 n.c.
Admora 1	1850	1.01 -5.0	Delek 50	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 30	no trading		Maxima B	326	170 -5.2
Gen Mort 1	1850	1.01 -5.0	Delek 55	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 35	no trading		Maxima C	980	64 -2.1
Gen Mort 2	1850	1.01 -5.0	Delek 60	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 40	no trading		Sano 1	1600	75 +4.6
Gen Mort 3	1850	1.01 -5.0	Delek 65	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 45	no trading		Sano 5	1200	102 +9.1
Gen Mort 4	1850	1.01 -5.0	Delek 70	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 50	no trading		Kodem	720	25 -5.0
Gen Mort 5	1850	1.01 -5.0	Delek 75	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 55	no trading		T.G.L. 1	485	330 n.c.
Gen Mort 6	1850	1.01 -5.0	Delek 80	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 60	no trading		T.G.L. 5	190	107 -4.0
Gen Mort 7	1850	1.01 -5.0	Delek 85	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 65	no trading		Tava	1300	123 -1.1
Gen Mort 8	1850	1.01 -5.0	Delek 90	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 70	no trading		Frutman	6770	68 n.c.
Gen Mort 9	1850	1.01 -5.0	Delek 95	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 75	no trading		Taro	687	140 n.c.
Gen Mort 10	1850	1.01 -5.0	Delek 100	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 80	no trading		Wood, Paper, Printing		
Real Estate, Building			Delek 105	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 85	no trading		Dafra 1	682	300 n.c.
Gind 1	1401	226 +0.7	Delek 110	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 90	no trading		Haman 1	565	82 -1.2
Gind 5	1054	317 n.c.	Delek 115	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 95	no trading		Haman B	515	108 -6.2
Gind 10	348	51 -4.9	Delek 120	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 100	no trading		Yash 1	535	52 -5.0
Gind 15	348	51 -4.9	Delek 125	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 105	no trading		Yash 5	540	50 -10.3
Gind 20	348	51 -4.9	Delek 130	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 110	no trading		Yash 10	535	1578 -3.3
Gind 25	348	51 -4.9	Delek 135	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 115	no trading		Yash 15	540	50 -10.3
Gind 30	348	51 -4.9	Delek 140	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 120	no trading		Yash 20	535	1578 -3.3
Gind 35	348	51 -4.9	Delek 145	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 125	no trading		Yash 25	540	50 -10.3
Gind 40	348	51 -4.9	Delek 150	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 130	no trading		Yash 30	535	1578 -3.3
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Gind 50	348	51 -4.9	Delek 160	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 140	no trading		Yash 40	535	1578 -3.3
Gind 55	348	51 -4.9	Delek 165	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 145	no trading		Yash 45	540	50 -10.3
Gind 60	348	51 -4.9	Delek 170	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 150	no trading		Yash 50	535	1578 -3.3
Gind 65	348	51 -4.9	Delek 175	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 155	no trading		Yash 55	540	50 -10.3
Gind 70	348	51 -4.9	Delek 180	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 160	no trading		Yash 60	535	1578 -3.3
Gind 75	348	51 -4.9	Delek 185	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 165	no trading		Yash 65	540	50 -10.3
Gind 80	348	51 -4.9	Delek 190	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 170	no trading		Yash 70	535	1578 -3.3
Gind 85	348	51 -4.9	Delek 195	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 175	no trading		Yash 75	540	50 -10.3
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Financial Institutions			Delek 215	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 195	no trading		Yash 95	540	50 -10.3
Leumi 1	352	3659 +5.7	Delek 220	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 200	no trading		Yash 100	535	1578 -3.3
Leumi 5	2360	2 n.c.	Delek 225	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 205	no trading		Yash 105	540	50 -10.3
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Leumi 25	2360	2 n.c.	Delek 245	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 225	no trading		Yash 125	540	50 -10.3
Leumi 30	2360	2 n.c.	Delek 250	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 230	no trading		Yash 130	535	1578 -3.3
Leumi 35	2360	2 n.c.	Delek 255	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 235	no trading		Yash 135	540	50 -10.3
Leumi 40	2360	2 n.c.	Delek 260	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 240	no trading		Yash 140	535	1578 -3.3
Leumi 45	2360	2 n.c.	Delek 265	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 245	no trading		Yash 145	540	50 -10.3
Leumi 50	2360	2 n.c.	Delek 270	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 250	no trading		Yash 150	535	1578 -3.3
Leumi 55	2360	2 n.c.	Delek 275	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 255	no trading		Yash 155	540	50 -10.3
Leumi 60	2360	2 n.c.	Delek 280	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 260	no trading		Yash 160	535	1578 -3.3
Leumi 65	2360	2 n.c.	Delek 285	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 265	no trading		Yash 165	540	50 -10.3
Leumi 70	2360	2 n.c.	Delek 290	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 270	no trading		Yash 170	535	1578 -3.3
Leumi 75	2360	2 n.c.	Delek 295	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 275	no trading		Yash 175	540	50 -10.3
Leumi 80	2360	2 n.c.	Delek 300	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 280	no trading		Yash 180	535	1578 -3.3
Leumi 85	2360	2 n.c.	Delek 305	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 285	no trading		Yash 185	540	50 -10.3
Leumi 90	2360	2 n.c.	Delek 310	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 290	no trading		Yash 190	535	1578 -3.3
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Insurance			Delek 325	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 305	no trading		Yash 205	540	50 -10.3
Aryeh 1	736	156 -1.6	Delek 330	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 310	no trading		Yash 210	535	1578 -3.3
Aryeh 5	736	156 -1.6	Delek 335	150	228 -7.0	Baruch 315	no trading		Yash 215	540	50 -10.3

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A signal from Mr. Peres

IT WAS a fine gesture for the premier, Shimon Peres, to pick up an invitation originally issued to the defence minister, Yitzhak Rabin, and become the first Israeli head of government to pay a Christmas Eve visit to the city of Bethlehem. Although Mr. Peres would not openly concede any overt political importance to this move, there was clearly implied in it a message of peace and goodwill to the Arab inhabitants of Judea and Samaria.

The national unity government under his leadership, Mr. Peres seemed to be saying, was not bound by the die-hard nationalist attitudes exhibited during the previous seven years by a succession of Likud administrations.

But old attitudes die hard, if at all, when they are represented by a political party that is scheduled to take over the premiership in two years time. This explains the continued attachment of the Civil Administration in the areas, to the Likud legacy known as "Road Plan No. 50."

Officially proposed earlier this year, the plan calls for the construction of 560 kilometres of mostly broad new roads in the areas at an estimated cost of \$168 million. Implementation of the plan would entail expropriation of some 46,000 dunams of often arable land, and the freeing of all development on an additional 78,000 dunams alongside the roads. The Civil Administration has contended that the plan would benefit the local Arab population, and the claim has been accepted by the High Court of Justice. But it is open to the gravest doubts.

Local opinion about the plan may be gauged from the hundreds, if not thousands, of challenges filed with the Higher Town Planning Council, that has the final say in the matter.

Loss of valuable land is only one of the objections to the plan. Another, more crucial, objection is that the planned roads would skirt the major Arab population centres and mainly serve the recently established, and presumably future, Jewish settlements. Significantly, they would run west to east, whereas the existing West Bank grid is mostly north to south.

Under the Hague Convention, it would be a sound defence that "Road Plan No. 50" is meant to serve the needs of the occupation army in the area. But the High Court, in dismissing a petition against the plan, noted that the Civil Administration had not raised before it the argument of security. A group of West Bank lawyers has suggested that the real purpose of the plan is to consummate the process of the area's annexation to Israel. This does not seem an unreasonable suggestion.

Financial constraints may, and the Civil Administration claims they would, freeze the plan for the foreseeable future. Certainly it would be most odd if, at a time when budget cutting is ostensibly the order of the day, a new highway should be built connecting Nablus and the Jordan Valley, while the blood-soaked road linking Kiryat Malachi and Ashkelon remained in its present woeful state of disrepair.

But politically it is the intention itself that matters. Will the plan be approved or rejected? That would be the true, acid test of Mr. Peres's profession of readiness to keep the options in the West Bank open for peace.

Friends in need...

A NATIONAL mini-debate has erupted this week over the question whether Israel should accede to a U.S. request that a radio transmitter be set up here to relay Voice of America broadcasts to the Soviet Union, where they are being jammed. A formal Israeli reply is expected soon.

Three Mediterranean countries - Spain, Greece and Turkey - are reported to have already turned down similar American pleas, and Israel might seem to have especially cogent reasons to follow suit. Although it is happy to be considered a "strategic asset" by the Americans, this country has been at pains to distance itself from any direct involvement in the Soviet-American confrontation. In recent weeks alone the message has, on several occasions, been conveyed to Moscow that Israel is not an enemy of the Soviet Union.

Allowing a VOA relay station to operate from Israeli soil would appear to contradict this assurance. It would be grist to the Soviet propaganda mills that seek to portray Israel as a world centre of anti-Soviet, and anti-Communist, agitation. It would, to put it mildly, make scant contribution to any effort to blunt Soviet hostility towards Israel, and induce the Kremlin to relax its present verbal ban on aliyah.

On the other hand, it is arguable that Israel has, at the very least, little to lose from granting the American request. Relations with the Soviet Union could hardly grow much worse than they are today. As an index of Israel's commitment to its alliance with the U.S., joint maneuvers by the navies of the two countries are of greater import than a VOA relay station on Israeli soil.

Moreover, the facilities of the station could, so Washington has promised, be used to help Kol Yisrael overcome Soviet jamming of its own broadcasts to the Soviet Union.

But the clinching argument in favour of letting the station be built is simply that Israel cannot possibly say no to the Americans in a matter that does not touch on truly vital Israeli interests. Not when the U.S. is Israel's most - and sometimes only - trusted friend in the world arena. And especially not when this country is critically dependent on the U.S. for its sheer economic survival.

Acknowledgement of the fact may be difficult for proud Israelis who like to think of their country as not only sovereign and independent, but as something of a world power. But a fact is a fact is a fact.

Shades of Green

By WLADIMIR STRUMINSKI

THE GREENS, Germany's leftist anti-establishment party, made headlines when its foreign affairs adviser produced a paper which called for minimizing contacts with the Israeli Government.

The paper, supposed to be confidential, but leaked to the press, had been prepared for members of the Greens delegation to the Middle East which arrived in Israel from Jordan yesterday. The paper clearly indicated the Greens' positions in favour of the PLO and other radical elements in the Middle East.

This is not the first time the Greens have caused an uproar, but until now they have concentrated on domestic ecological demands, like closing down nuclear power plants or factories. The Greens have also, apparently, committed themselves to verbal assault against the political establishment of their country.

Although the movement's domestic orientation muted its voice on the international scene until recently, its Mideast stand is hardly surprising if one takes the movement's ideological roots into consideration. Motivation and membership alike are partly derived from former communist, pro PLO and anti-Israeli circles.

Paradoxically, however, a section of the Greens has its origins in moralist-leftist circles which tended to be pro-Israeli more or less into the late sixties.

"Some of these people were even fanatical in their support for Israel," says a veteran observer of the leftist scene in Germany. "They could see no wrong in whatever Israel did." Up to the point, that is, when they were confronted with the real problems of the region: war, violence, Palestinian refugees - and an Israel which no longer seemed to be the underdog. As the reality became too complex to grasp, the idealists turned to a more understandable picture of the situation - that painted by PLO propaganda.

The net result today is a mixture of anti-Israeli attitudes which are older than the Greens as an institutionalized phenomenon.

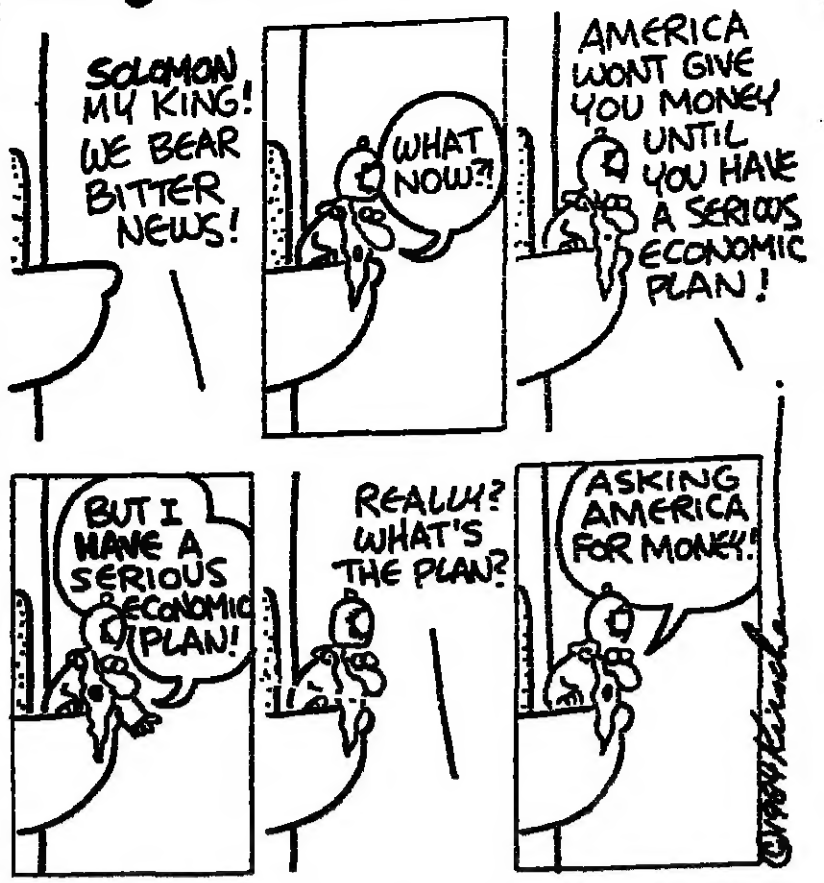
"The real danger is that many of the anti-Israeli Greens really do not feel anti-Semitic at all," says an Israeli observer. "It is idealism which went terribly wrong." For this reason, he fears, the Greens recognize few limits to slander and enmity towards Israel.

THE BIG QUESTION for Israeli politicians is whether, or rather to what extent, there exist forces within the Greens movement which are or could be made non-hostile towards Israel. Some Greens have never shared the extreme anti-Israeli views of their colleagues. Thus, for example, Joseph "Yoshka" Fischer, one of the most prominent Green members of the Bundestag, is a member of its parliamentary group for cooperation with the Knesset.

But there is another problem. The Greens, trying to live up to their anti-establishment views, shun a firm party structure. Their leaders are often rotated away from their posts or fall victim to ideological strife even within months after assuming office. "You don't know whom you will be dealing with tomorrow. They are more like a student movement than a party," sighs an Israeli observer.

Israel's friends in Germany often claim that it has realized much too late how important the Greens are. This view may be partly justified. On the other hand, handling the Greens is extremely difficult, however well one understands them. After all, there are not only idealists in the

Dry Bones



movement and the overall picture of the Middle East that the Greens paint is hard to stomach for most Israelis on the extreme left.

Now the Greens delegation is in Israel, local politicians will have a first-hand opportunity to see the problems. They are not to be envied. The writer is The Jerusalem Post's Bonn correspondent.

The importance of activism

The following article is signed by 10 Soviet immigrants who are known for their activism on behalf of Soviet Jewry. Four are former Prisoners of Zion.

society demands such "correction" and there is no reason to think that the Soviet authorities will be less cruel to Soviet Jews than to other Soviet citizens, whom they consider "disloyal."

It is worthwhile to remember, too, that the idea of collective responsibility (national, local, ethnic, social, etc.) is inherent in the history of the USSR. This means that the real danger of mass persecutions of Soviet Jews is by no means the "emotional and sometimes nearly hysterical perception of the situation" (as Finkelstein said of activists who have come to Israel or are still fighting in the USSR).

As for his suggestion that the idea of a "sharp intensification of anti-Semitism" does not correspond to the "proper definition of anti-Semitism" as "selective persecution of Jews as such when compared to other groups," one can argue that

even Nazi Germany did not practise anti-Semitism so defined, since not only Jews were persecuted but also gypsies, some religious groups, socialists, etc.

Recent examples of official Soviet propaganda manifest a new quality, an anti-Jewish stand, and not just the anti-Zionist attitude seen in propaganda in 1973 or even in 1977.

For example, we have the infamous Lev Korneyev defining the Jews as a "stubborn race, insolent and brazen," whose hatred for non-Jews is the reason for their persecution. Korneyev emphasizes that the Jews' "double loyalty turns them into a fifth column in every country where they live." Increasing anti-Semitism in the world, he explains, reflects their "particular ability to abuse the non-Jewish environment." Clearly this cannot be considered anti-Zionism, but is undoubtedly anti-Semitism.

SUCH PROPAGANDA has a strong impact on the Soviet people, because of the state monopoly on the mass media and the suggestibility of the average Soviet citizen and also because of the difficulties of everyday life in the USSR and the eternal psychological necessity for the Jew as a scapegoat. It is difficult to predict just how the Soviet authorities will use the hatred of Jews that they are now kindling, but it would be unreasonable to think they are stirring up such hatred without any purpose.

Finkelstein also describes the life of Jewish activists in the USSR as a kind of self-imposed isolation "from the main body of Soviet Jewry." Such a perception contradicts well-known facts even more than his perception of the situation of Soviet Jewry.

It is true that the Soviet authorities are trying hard to isolate Jewish activists by a well-organized campaign (underestimated in the West) of harassment of anyone who tries to have contact with Jewish activists.

In those cases where the authorities succeed, the result is not a "deep abyss" created by the activists, but a raw wound on the living body of Soviet Jewry. But mostly the authorities fail in their efforts because of the courage and work, the everyday effort, of the Jewish activists who sacrifice their health and sometimes even their freedom to inspire more Jews, those in the "main body of Soviet Jewry" who are eager for any kind of Jewishness, and who are not, as Finkelstein says, "just waiting and going with the stream."

It must be emphasized that both oldtimers and newcomers to Jewish activism do what they do in spite of danger. This was true of the lectures on Judaism and Jewish history in Leningrad from 1979-81, to which practically anyone could come. Even now, in the atmosphere of KGB provocations, everyone can come for an *Erev Shabbat* evening to religious families, whose number is steadily increasing.

Jewish activity today involves a lot of new people, refuseniks and non-refuseniks, who only yesterday could be considered to be typical representatives of the "main body of Soviet Jewry."

WHERE THEN did Eitan Finkelstein find his image of a self-isolated, self-confined and ultra-careful refusenik? Perhaps from his own experience. No one heard anything of his activity for several years before his departure. He was a very rare

example of a former Jewish activist who came to Israel without the usual burden of messages and requests of those who were left behind.

May we suggest that it was he who cut himself off not only from the main body of Soviet Jewry, but also from the main body of Jewish activists?

We have no right to accuse any Jewish activist who stops being active, for there may be many reasons for this - weariness and despair, fear for his children, health problems, etc. But we have even less right to be silent when a former activist tries to present his own experience as the general style of life of Jewish activists in the USSR. Such silence would be a crime against those who are still fighting despite many years of refusal, in spite of the danger confronting them and their children, in spite of everything.

It must be emphasized that they are fighting for a common cause and not only for their own emigration. For example Ida Nudel and Alexander Lerner (and many others) signed letters for repatriation and letters of protest against the new wave of persecutions.

Even Anatoly Shecharansky and Yosef Begun, who are in prison, continue the fight for the cause of repatriation of Soviet Jewry by their courage and steadfastness.

As for the disappointment of Soviet Jews in Israel or the U.S. and their desire "to remain Russian Jews," this is a real and serious problem, especially for those who have expected too much for too long. For someone who lived alone with these expectations for years, it may be a tragic problem. But personal problems should not be made into an argument against the struggle for the repatriation of Soviet Jews.

Had such an argument been raised in the West at the very beginning of the Jewish movement in the USSR, we, Eitan Finkelstein and about 300,000 other Soviet Jews would not have left the USSR. Even the foremost Jewish activists and other Soviet Jews would die in their prisons without the mass movement for the sake of Soviet Jewry - an inseparable part of world Jewry.

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THE ARTICLE "Choices facing Soviet Jews," (The Jerusalem Post, December 16, 1984) by Eitan Finkelstein aroused a strange feeling of unreality in those really involved in the struggle for Soviet Jewry.

Finkelstein declared that the information provided by Jewish activists from the USSR is true and valid only insofar as it relates to that part of Soviet Jewry fighting for a revival of national life and national culture, because of "the deep abyss" and "no interaction" between "the main mass of Soviet Jewry" and "the fighters for national revival and emigration." Thus, he argues, these fighters speak not on behalf of the main mass of Soviet Jewry, but only on behalf of themselves.

This declaration is made without proof and, in fact, contradicts well-known facts. These facts are the following:

About 400,000 invitations to come to Israel have been received by Soviet Jews, and every one of these 400,000 is known to Soviet authorities (because a person receiving such an invitation has to sign for it at the post office).

All of these Jews are considered by the Soviet authorities as citizens of doubtful loyalty, as are the unknown but certainly large numbers of relatives and friends of emigrants from the USSR.

It is difficult to predict when and how the Soviet authorities will try "to correct" Jews of doubtful loyalty, but there is no doubt that the "moral and political unity" of Soviet

READERS' LETTERS

GREENS AND MELONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - I am a German volunteer working for the past several months in a village for retarded children. I follow events in your newspaper and, therefore, learned that a delegation of the Greens is planning to come.

Perhaps Israelis are not aware that, in Germany, this party is known as the "melon" party, that is to say, green on the outside, red on the inside. And, in fact, amongst its members are several former members of the communist party or people who were sympathetic to it.

Since the communist party in Germany has no political prospects, many communists and extreme socialists use the Greens as camouflage.

Israel would be well advised to make it clear to those people that it knows their intentions. It would be best to permit them to pass through Israel in transit to Khomeini's Iran; there they would be well taken care of. But first they should be made to visit Yad Vashem.

HANS DUJKA

Kfar Sava.

Sir, - I refer to your article of December 21, according to which the German Green Party claims "that the Sabra and Shatila massacres were perpetrated by the Israel Defence Forces."

I don't think enough time has passed since World War II for us to allow German politicians to come to Israel and lecture us about massacre - a massacre in which no Jew had any direct involvement. And this by a party which has had to expel one of its members because of his Nazi past.

DAVID MENDLOVIC

HOSPITAL CARE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - In the middle of an Israel tour, I spent an unexpected week as a patient at the Mt. Scopus Hadassah Hospital, in the women's surgery ward.

Israel can be proud of its Hadassah Hospital. It was one of the finest hospitals I have ever experienced. The doctors were superb. The nurses and nurses' aids were great, and they were lovely. In addition, the variety of ethnic strains and cultures among the patients and their visitors made it a fascinating experience.

I will always have warm memories of the wonderful care I received there.

JOSEPH ZWERDLING

Washington, D.C.

Sir, - As a Jew living in the United States, but with most of my family in Israel, I had the unfortunate and unbelievable experience of having my mother at Beilinson Hospital as a

patient.

The nursing staff of the Orthopedic Department can now add another meaning to the definition of nursing art. The lack of concern, the mistreatment of patients, the rudeness to patients and concerned families, need talent beyond belief. On being admitted to that department, the patient immediately has to train bodily functions to work every four hours on the hour. The complete disregard for any written orders by the doctors (for whom I have the highest regard) can only leave one wondering where, how and under whose protection these so-called nurses were ever allowed the privilege of wearing the universally coveted white uniform.

For doctors to have to work with such staff must be the most frustrating part of their job.

MADELINE BELONSKY

Great Neck, New York.

DEMOCRACY WITHOUT LISTENING?

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - The TV feature Meetings on December 2 was one of the weakest and most disappointing of late. The six young participants - two groups of three each - proved beyond doubt by their poor performance that they don't have the faintest idea of what democracy really means. The first concept of democracy is free discussion. That's what the programme was supposed to be: every participant is allowed, even encouraged, to voice his or her opinion freely and be listened to without interruption.

But the basic tools for a discussion of this kind were missing: pad and pencil to mark down short notes. This allows time not only for careful

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listening but also for the preparation of a well-considered and intelligent response once the opposite party have said their lot.

Instead we were witness to the young people interrupting each other by shouts of preconceived slogans which sorely smacked of indoctrination - by both parties alike.

What's more, the leader of the discussion, "Mr. Chairman," instead of keeping a neutral balance showed a marked preference for one of the parties.

We can only hope that the six youngsters we saw are not representative of their age-group.

LOTTE PINTER

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POSTSCRIPTS

ANIMAL RIGHTS campaigners freed 2,000 minks recently from a fur farm near the north England village of Elland.

All but a few dozen were tracked down and recaptured by staff from the Nelson Fur Farm as well as by police and fire officials, a spokesman said.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said freeing the minks was "downright bloody stupid of these people."

Bradford-area inspector Dave Millard said the RSPCA opposes fur farming, but it is legal in Britain, and freeing minks in this way "will cause suffering to wildlife in the area as well as to the minks themselves."

"They are efficient killers who will go for ducks, geese, chickens and all forms of wildlife. The wildlife could be devastated," he said. "It is doubtful anyway whether that number of minks could survive in these conditions. They would be cold and wet, would get disease and die."

An anonymous caller to Press Association, the British domestic news agency, claimed the liberation of the minks had been carried out by the Animal Liberation Front.

AN EGYPTIAN press photographer accompanying President Hosni Mubarak on his recent trip through Europe bit a German TV technician, according to TV men in Bonn. The incident reportedly occurred during Mubarak's arrival at the Cologne-Bonn Airport.

Photographers and TV cameramen were fighting for favourable angles. A German lighting technician seems to have got his hand in front of the Egyptian photographer's camera lens. The enraged Egyptian bit the offending hand. The Egyptian managed to get away from the scene before the startled German could react. W.S.

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